

THUG STRANGLES WOMAN TO DEATH AS DEAF HUSBAND SLEEPS NEARBY

Murderer Chokes Aged Victim in Bed, Uses Towel as Gag

The little grocery at 149 Bergen St., Newark, from which Mrs. Lena Tidar, 72, eked a livelihood for herself and husband, Harry, who is 74, deaf and paralytic, did not open today as usual.

A few hours before Mrs. Tidar was accustomed to hobble down the stairs from her apartment on the second floor she was strangled to death by a thug, believed to have been bent on robbery.

The woman's husband, awakening at the usual time, saw the still form of his faithful companion in the bed on the opposite side of the room. Sensing something was wrong, he crawled and dragged himself along the floor until he reached her side. As his hands nervously felt her face he set up a terrifying cry and neighbors rushed in.

Slain With Knotted Towel

It was found that Mrs. Tidar had been killed by a knotted towel which had been tightly wound around her neck, with the ends pushed into her mouth to serve as a gag. The crime had been committed while her husband slept only a few feet away.

Although \$42 was found safely tucked away in a bureau drawer, police are convinced robbery was the motive for the murder.

Screen Removed

A screen had been removed from a rear window of the small apartment, showing how the killer had gained entrance. The theory is that he was frightened away after snuffing out the life of the aged woman.

Neighbors declared that shortly after 3 o'clock they had been awakened by the barking of dogs. Dr. John Martland, Essex county physician, says it was probably about that time that Mrs. Tidar was killed.

HELD UP BY "2-GUN GIRL," NUDE BUT FOR CLOAK

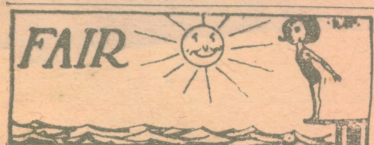
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 9 (By U. P.).—Hollywood police today were trying to decide the tale of John Basco, who said he was stopped last night by a "two-gun girl," wearing an opera cloak, and told to drive her to Highland and Franklin Streets.

At the address the girl stepped from his car, dropped a vanity case, bent to recover it, and, as her cloak slipped from her shoulders, revealed herself nude.

Then, murmuring, "Untrue to me—I'll kill him," she slipped into the darkness.

THE WEATHER

MONDAY, AUG. 9, 1926

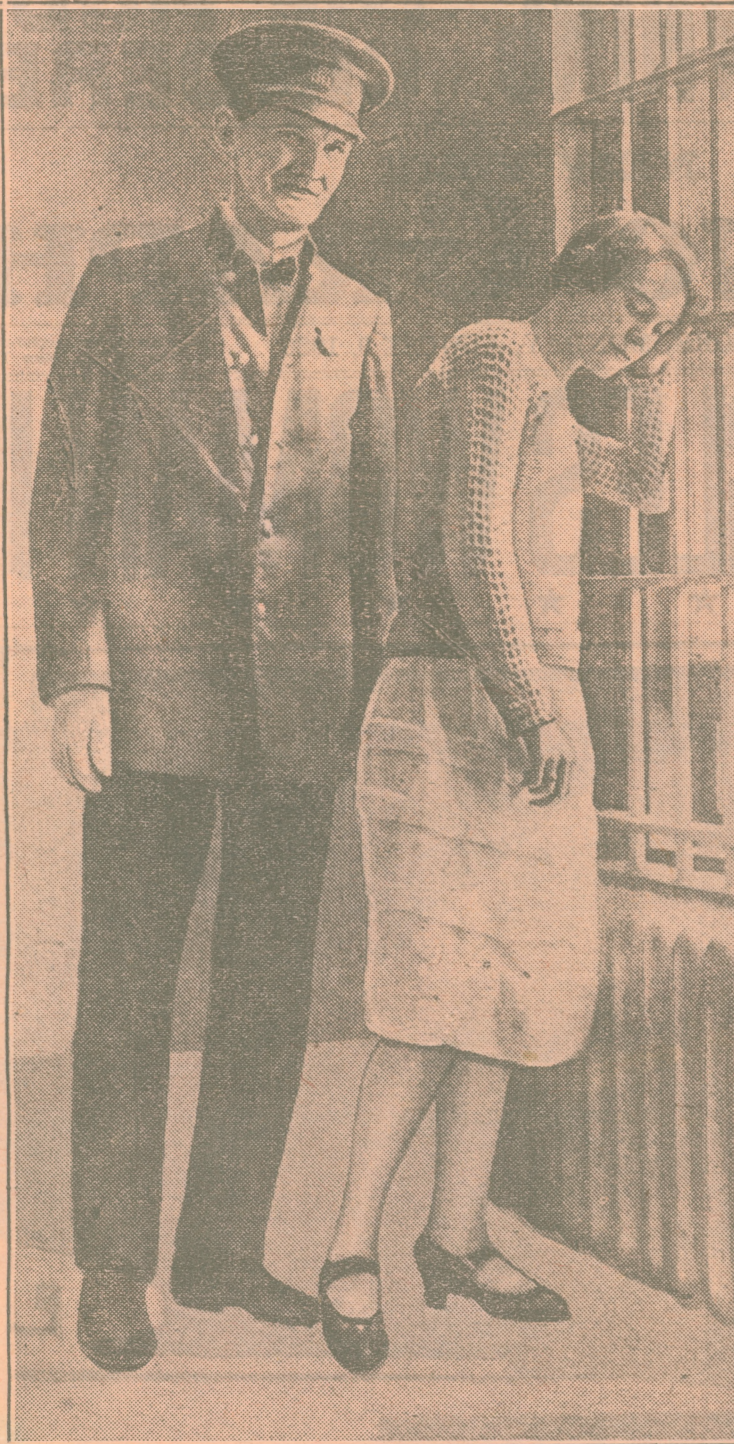


U. S. WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL—Fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate northerly, shifting to easterly winds.
EASTERN NEW YORK—Fair tonight and Tuesday; increasing cloudiness, followed by showers in north portion; rising temperature in interior Tuesday; moderate north, shifting to east, winds.

Hour	Temp.	Weather	Barom.	Wind
Midnight	67	Clear	29.98	NW. 14
2 a. m.	66	Clear	29.99	NW. 16
4 a. m.	66	Clear	30.00	NW. 16
6 a. m.	66	Clear	30.04	NW. 16
8 a. m.	67	Clear	30.05	NW. 18
10 a. m.	70	Clear	30.05	NW. 14

She'll Undergo Another Ordeal



SENATOR SIMPSON, special prosecutor in the Hall-Mills murder, will soon call Miss Pearl Bahmer for questioning. Above you see the Bahmer girl with a jail keeper. The photograph was taken during the first Hall-Mills inquiry. The girl was held for questioning because she with Raymond Schneider discovered the two lifeless bodies.

Reporter Longest on Job Analyzes Hall Murder

Milton V. O'Connell, formerly of the Sun and Herald-Tribune, reporter longest assigned to the Hall-Mills murder, today begins a series of articles analyzing the crime for GRAPHIC readers. Mr. O'Connell spent four months at the scene of the double slaying, during which time he made a thorough study of the mystery. The first of his articles follows.

By MILTON V. O'CONNELL

"Who killed the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills?"

DETROIT ASKS WESTERNER TO CLEAN UP BLIND PIGS

DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 9 (By U. P.).—Feeling intensely the effects of a moral decline, Detroit is looking for outside help to fight bootleggers, and has decided to employ August Vollmer of Berkeley, Cal., at a salary of \$1,000 a month to reorganize Detroit's police force and analyze conditions under which 15,000 "blind pigs" and thousands of disorderly houses are operating, to the detriment of the city's moral tone.

This question has gained the attention of the entire nation, as the result of the recent arrest of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain New Brunswick, N. J., minister, who is charged with the murder of her husband and of his pretty choir singer sweetheart four years ago. A new investigation, involving state and county authorities, has picked up the threads of evidence and rumor where the authorities of four years ago dropped the case.

There are thousands who are confident the case is nearing its

(Continued on Page 30)

Hall-Mills Love Tryst Witnesses Quizzed With 7 Others by N. J. Police

By LEO J. CASEY
GRAPHIC Staff Correspondent

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Aug. 9.—While reports from Jersey City indicated that Senator Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor in the reopened but not rejuvenated investigation into the Hall-Mills case, had approached the end of his tether, nine witnesses, none important if he intends to connect Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall with the slaying, were rounded up today for questioning by Major Mark O. Kimberling and Capt. John J. Lamb of the state police.

These witnesses, taken to police headquarters in West Main Street, include a motorman and conductor, who remembered taking Mrs. Eleanor Mills and the pastor, Edward Wheeler Hall, to their ill-omened love tryst 'neath the crab-apple tree on the night of September 14, 1922.

Trotsky Revolt Rending Russia, Rumors Insist

LONDON, Aug. 9 (By U. P.).—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Vienna reports desperate fighting in the Ukraine.

The information, it was explained, was obtained by way of Bucharest. The Russian Black Sea fleet was reported to have mutinied, and insurgents in the Crimea were reported to be leading a successful revolution in Leningrad and Kronstadt.

From Moscow came a brief dispatch, saying the Soviet foreign office denied reports of mutinies and rebellions, emphasizing that there was no revolution in South Russia.

The one other cable received from Moscow in four days briefly stated that Leon Trotsky was not under arrest.

The silence from Moscow has aroused gravest misgivings here regarding actual conditions in Russia.



Leon Trotsky

DIES FROM TREE FALL

John McLean, 13, of 251 Demarest Ave., West New Brighton, S. I., was killed when he fell from a tree.

DEATH OF MINISTER

Rev. William Augustus Rice, secretary emeritus of the Congressional Board of Ministerial Relief, is dead today.

Clearing House

(Official figures)

Exchanges	\$465,000,000
Balances	91,000,000
Credit balance	86,000,000

(Continued on page 30)

11 Caught in Undertow Are Drowned at Buffalo

BUFFALO, Aug. 9 (By U. P.).—Eleven bodies of swimmers caught in a violent undertow on Lake Erie, near Farnham, had been recovered today.

Searchers patrolled the shore all night looking for bodies. Flares were set off and bonfires built to illuminate the water line.

Approximately forty bathers were caught in the sudden undertow, which occurred late yesterday while Sunday crowds were in the water at Brant Beach.

Sweeping in with the suddenness of a tidal wave, the undertow seized the bathers and carried

them struggling far out into the lake. Many others barely escaped a similar fate.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Aug. 9 (By U. P.).—High temperatures prevailed in the Southwest Sunday after a two-day respite from the heat. Kansas thermometers reached as high as 113, reported from Salina.